

Bristol, August 12. 1847

My dear Mr. May,

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Finding that I cannot
send a letter to you by Mr. Hincks
who is to set off for Boston by the
next packet, I will not neglect
the opportunity of thanking you
for your last, received by ^{the} steamer
that arrived last week. Though
you call it speak of it as merely
an apology for a letter, it was very
acceptable, and the examples you
give of Dr. Parkman's Anti-
Slavery sentiment, so confidently
vouched for at the meeting of the
Brit. & For. An. Socy. will be
valuable to us.

I am much gratified that

^{my} letter to Mr. Tazant so thoroughly
meets with your approval. My
kind friend Mr. Garrison has been
rather ultra encumbered in his
allusion to the writer of the letter.
A lady of my acquaintance
jokingly remarked that "Mr.
G. knows how to flatter as well
as to abuse."

My intention is to republish
that letter.

I am now in correspondence
with Mr. Dr. Mountgomery & hope
to afford him some help in seeing
into the Slavery question. His
mind is quite open to conviction
& he tells me he has never been

time to examine the subject -
His recent speech at Belfast,
which I trust you will see in the
Northern Whig, is, on the whole
good. Dr. P. at least will no longer
be able to boast of Dr. Martineau's
sympathy with his
views of householders.

People have little idea of the
favours shown to slavery in the U.
S. They think the mass of
your society opposed to it, and that
^{nearly} all are looking out for a safe &
wise plan of emancipation. Dr. M.
says we had better suggest
such plans. I tell him when
the will to emancipate exists

in America, the way will soon
appear. Having some credit here
for not being one of the "violent, abrupt
Abolitionists", I have reason to
believe there are persons with
whom I may have some influence.
I find, ^{very obviously,} ~~more and more~~ that the
more moderate the language is
^{which is employed}
in advocating your cause, the
more efficiently can it be done
~~and~~ and ~~be~~ promoted.

Mr. Amos to say will probably
tell you of the move we are now
making to get up a Unitⁿ Meeting.
Our success will be but doubtful.
it would not surprise me if some
of our London Ministers were
to get up an opposite address.

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saying their "Boston brethren"
that they had no sympathy with
the "intolerant party" who would
lay any restrictions upon inter-
course with your Mission &c

&c. In case you may not
have one of our circulars from
Mr. Comstock, I will enclose

one. My daughter & a young
lady are now about ^{forwarding} to send them
up to send them out. I have sent
one to day to Mr. Ashurst,
(Ed. Search) to request they help
from him, as I fear the London
Ministers will give none.

Probably you will think it
right not to make the affair
public at present, as its effect

may be thus opened?

I am sure it will give you
pleasure to see Mr. Nichols: I
hope his tour in America may
answer his expectations. The
testimonial to him for his
services in regard to the
"Inquirer," has been very suc-
cessful.

I shall send by Mr. Nichols
a sovereign to be paid to you,
and I shall be obliged by your
paying 10s to Mr. Walcutt
for a year's advance for one
copy of the Liberator to be sent

to William Brown Esq
Bridgewater.

Mr. Armstrong being anxious
to see the North Standard and regularly
I shall be glad to provide him
with a copy, & will thank you
to pay 5/- to the agent of that
paper with instruction to send
it to him.

Rev. Geo. Armstrong,
11 Clifton Vale,
Bristol.

In the hopes that Dr. Hunt's
memoir & the Belfast Minister
may now begin to investigate
the slavery subject, I shall be

happy to furnish them with the
inducement & help which a year
reading of the Standard will afford,
and will thank you to employ
the remaining 5/- in the pur-
chase of a Nat^l. Standard to be
sent regularly to

Rev. Dr. Montgomery,

Dunmurry,

near Belfast, Ireland

Many thanks for "^{the} ~~Factor~~ for
the People," & the Review of
Woman's work; I was writing
for both of them.

You ^{would} be pleased with
seeing the Inquirer enclosed
your letter. I presume you
did not think Mr. Taylor's "Reply

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to my letter a very answering
one?

Mr. T. writes to me
about a Mr. Clapp, ^{of N. Orleans} & Mr. Chest, ^{of N. York}

Unitⁿ Ministers now in London,
^{introduced by Dr. Hounsell,}
who have most vehement views

about Slavery. One says that

Slavery is a doomed institution
as free labour is found to be
more profitable than slave,

& the other says, the abolitionists
are riveting the chains of the
slave, & that the attempt to
question the conduct of Unitⁿ
Ministers from America in
regard to the Slavery question
is pregnant with mischief.
— & Mr. T. believes them!!

Could I have sent to me 2 Liberator's
which never came, those ~~former~~ ~~no~~
~~and we were at the~~ ~~Libertarian~~ ~~and~~ ~~way~~ ~~in~~
~~spare~~ ~~the~~ containing the first
account of the trouble Douglass got into
in the N. York Steam packet, & the
following No.?

My present communication
is necessarily written now, as I am
purposing a visit to Glamorgan-shire
to-morrow, & may not have time
to sit down again before Mr. Hicks
departs.

I think you know that I have
purchased Dr. Channing's portrait?
I wish it were a pleasanter com-
mence. if disposed to part with
it, I do not fear finding some
one who would buy it of me.
Anti-slavery efforts I find require

money as well as time, and I have
no one to whom I can apply for pecu-
niary help in those departments in
which I see an opening ~~which~~ ^{for my being}
~~in which I can be useful.~~

I have undertaken the expense of the
circulars, & this to no small ~~with~~
to tell the Unitⁿ Ministers on the
present occasion. Mr. Comstock's
& Mr. James's means are very limited,
& the claims upon them are num-
erous, & generously responded to.
Mr. G. has written the address & super-

intended the printing, & will send some,
my daughter however will send most.

I am vexed to find Mr. J. O. Murray,
who is in Paris, cannot get any printer
to undertake publishing Day's
Narrative, & only extracts from it
are likely to appear in newspapers.
Miss Parker took in many a trouble

with it, besides paying 7 or 8 guineas
to a literary Frenchman for correcting
the translation. The MS. is a
perfect picture, it is so beautifully
written.

I must conclude hoping you
will have more acceptable letters
from other quarters.

There is nothing in this suitable
for the public eye.

I enclose a line to Mr. Gorton.
With my daughter's best regards
from, my dear Sir

Most truly Yours

J. B. Estlin.

You will see by our papers that George
Thompson is returned to Parliament. I am
glad of it, though he is not likely to distinguish
himself there. He has not the education, or
the station, or I think the information, upon
protective subjects which qualify him for
taking any stand there. I trust however he
will now & then bring forth a little Anti Slavery